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**Missouri sets guidelines for stroke, heart attack care**

Legislation passed by Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt requires emergency personnel to take stroke and certain heart attack patients to designated care centers, rather than the closest hospital, to ensure faster, more appropriate care. Stroke patients will receive "reperfusion therapy" or a clot-busting drug upon arrival to help improve their chances for survival.